

In the Claims:

Claims 1-9 (canceled).

Claim 10 (original). A nucleic acid sequence which encodes a protein shown in SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 11 (previously presented). The nucleic acid sequence of claim 10 comprising the amino acid coding region shown in SEQ ID NO: 1.

Claims 12-13 (canceled).

Claim 14 (canceled).

Claim 15 (original). A nucleic acid sequence comprising any one of SEQ ID NOs: 4-9.

Claim 16 (withdrawn). An expression vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 10.

Claim 17 (withdrawn). A host cell comprising the vector of claim 16.

Claim 18 (withdrawn). A process for producing a polypeptide comprising culturing the host cell of claim 17 under conditions in which the polypeptide is expressed.

Claim 19 (currently amended). An isolated or recombinant nucleic acid sequence which encodes an antigenic polypeptide of at least & 10 contiguous residues of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 20 (withdrawn). An expression vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 19.

Claim 21 (withdrawn). A host cell comprising the vector of claim 20.

Claim 22 (withdrawn). A process for producing a polypeptide comprising culturing the host cell of claim 21 under conditions in which the polypeptide is expressed.

Claim 23 (canceled).